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## Marleau seeks better balance in state road funding

State Rep. Jim Marleau today asked the Michigan Department of Transportation to reconsider their exclusion of several important Oakland County projects from its five-year plan.

Marleau participated in today's House Transportation Committee Meeting in Waterford.

"We must continue to develop roads where people live, work, and pay their taxes," said Marleau, R-Lake Orion. "Oakland County is the fastest-growing county in the state. There needs to be a better balance than just maintaining roads."

In light of reduced road funding, Marleau challenged MDOT to include existing road improvements as part of the maintenance of roads.

"If an area is growing, patching potholes doesn't maintain traffic flow and the ability to get around," Marleau said. "For Oakland County, maintaining traffic flow means improving roads to keep up with our economic growth."

Marleau said this is especially important in light of the fact that almost one-fourth of Oakland County's taxes go to road projects outside of Oakland County.

"We've been giving a lot for a long time because we understand that Oakland County is the economic engine of Michigan," Marleau said. "But we need to keep up with our own roads if we are going to continue to be an economic powerhouse."

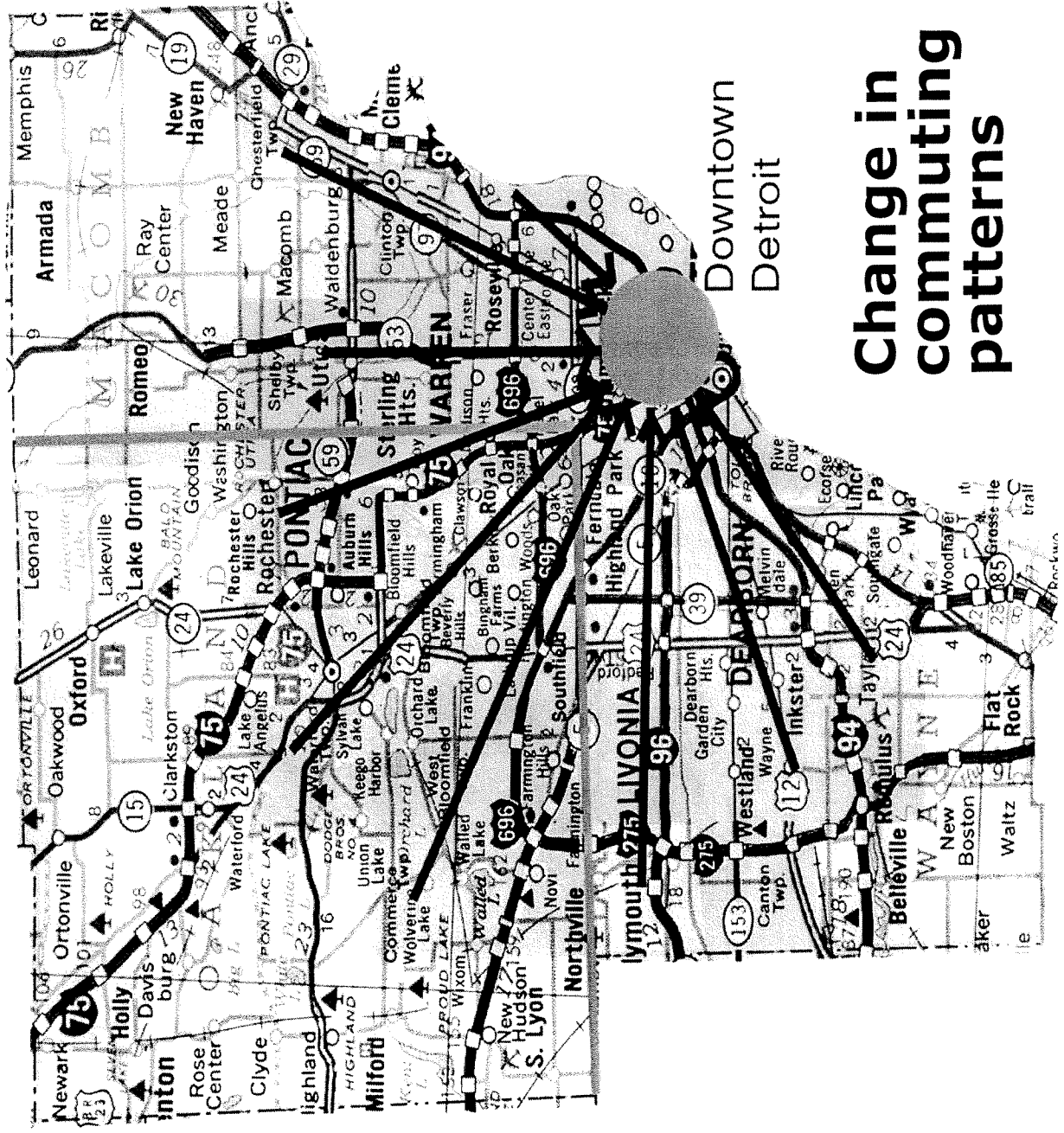
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**Editor's Advisory:** For more information on Rep. Marleau, please visit his Online Office, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. His Online Office contains press releases, audio clips, photos, publications and other information about state government. The address is [www.gophouse.com/marleau.htm](http://www.gophouse.com/marleau.htm)

# Change in commuting patterns

<u>1980</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Oakland residents working in Detroit		
59,000	47,000	- 12,000
Detroit residents working in Oakland		
33,000	54,000	+ 21,000
Oakland residents working in Macomb		
31,000	42,000	+ 11,000
Macomb residents working in Oakland		
44,000	94,000	+ 50,000

# Commuting Patterns 60+ Years Ago



# Commuting Patterns Today

